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CENTRAL FAX CENTER****JUL 27 2007**Remarks

Claims 25-32 were pending. Claims 25, 26, 28, 29, 31 and 32 are hereby amended. No claims have been added or cancelled. Thus claims 25-32 are subject to continued examination.

35 U.S.C. §112 Rejections

Claims 25-32 were rejected previously under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for failing to comply with the written description requirement. Specifically, the prior Office Action takes the position that there is no support for a limitation calling for a portion of the fiber elements in adjacent layers to project in extended relation into but not across a layer of adhesive between the adjacent layers. While applicants respectfully submit that the combined written description and figures in fact support such a claim feature, applicants have nonetheless amended the claims to eliminate the contested feature so as to progress prosecution and to avoid unnecessarily taxing the resources of the Board of Appeals. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all outstanding 112 rejections have been obviated.

Claim Amendments:

Each of the claims has been amended to recite that each of the layers of nonwoven fiber material consists of polyester fibers in combination with an adhesive constituent. These features are supported by the disclosure at page 8, lines 5-9 of the application as originally filed.

As best understood, the combination of features as now claimed is in no way taught or suggested by any of the art of record. In particular, the use of discrete layers of adhesive between adjacent layers of nonwoven fiber material in combination with an adhesive constituent within the nonwoven fiber layers appears to be in direct opposition to the teachings of Morgenstern wherein a primary goal appears to be the formation of a localized thin layer of adhesive binding to provide strength without adversely impacting softness and drape. See, Col. 3, lines 49-55. Moreover, with regard to claim 26 and the claims depending therefrom, no reference teaches or suggests forced extension through multiple layers of adhesive and fiber.

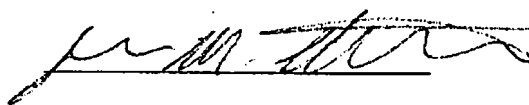
Conclusion:

For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims now stand in condition for allowance. Should any issues remain after consideration of this Amendment and accompanying Remarks, the Examiner is invited and encouraged to telephone the undersigned in the hope that any such issue may be promptly and satisfactorily resolved.

**Extension of Time:** A two month extension of time accompanies this submission. In the event that additional time is required to have the papers submitted herewith for the above referenced application to be considered timely, Applicant hereby petitions for any additional time required to make these papers

timely and authorization is hereby granted to withdraw any additional fees necessary for this additional time from our Deposit Account No. 50-1424.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. M. Robertson', is written over a horizontal line.

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